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SUMMARY: SURPRISE VISIT TO MOSCOW OF ANGOLAN PRESIDENT
NETO IS COVERED IN SEPTEMBER 29 PRAVDA. COMPOSITION OF
ANGOLAN AND SOVIET DELEGATIONS AND LUNCHEON SPEECHES BY
BREZHNEV AND NETO EMPHASIZE MILITARY ASPECTS OF THE
BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP. BOTH LEADERS DEVOTE ATTENTION
TO DISPUTE IN HORN, BUT EMBASSY SURMISES THAT A MAJOR
FOCUS OF THE TALKS WAS THE SITUATION WITH REGARD TO
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NAMIBIAN AND RHODESIAN INDEPENDENCE - SUBJECT ON WHICH
NOT A PUBLIC WORD IS SAID. END SUMMARY.

1. NETO'S SURPRISE VISIT TO MOSCOW SEEMED TO HAVE A CLEAR
FOCUS ON DEFENSE MATTERS, JUDGING FROM THE PARTICIPATION IN
THE TALKS OF SOVIET DEP. MINDEF OGARKOV, AND ANGOLAN MINDEF
CARREIRA, CHIEF OF INFORMATION AND SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

RODRIGUES JOAO LOPES, DEP. NATIONAL POLITICAL COMMISSAR OF FAPLA GENERAL STAFF FRANCISCO MAGALLANS PAIVA AND MILITARY ADJUTANT TO NETO S. CAFUSI (ALL ANGOLAN NAMES APPROXIMATE). THIS SUPPOSITION IS REINFORCED BY THE EMPHASIS ON INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL THREATS TO ANGOLAN SECURITY IN THE TASS REPORT ON THE VISIT AND IN BREZHNEV'S AND NETO'S LUNCHEON SPEECHES. NETO SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED GROWING DANGER IN SOUTH OF AFRICA WHICH THREATENS NOT ONLY PROGRESSIVE COUNTRIES OF AFRICA, BUT WHOLE WORLD. ANGOLA, HE SAID, WILL DO "ALL POSSIBLE, WITHIN ITS POWERS, TO REPULSE THE DANGER IN THE SOUTH AND TO PREVENT ATOMIC ARMING OF THE RACISTS."

2. BOTH BREZHNEV AND NETO LAMBASTE THE IMPERIALISTS FOR THEIR ALLEGED EFFORTS TO KEEP UP SUBVERSIVE PRESSURE ON ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT AND TO DISRUPT AFRICAN UNITY BY FANNING DISCORD AMONG AFRICAN STATES. BOTH LEADERS MAKE SPECIFIC REFERENCES TO SOMALI-ETHIOPIAN DISPUTE. BREZHNEV ADMITS ARTIFICIAL NATURE OF COLONIAL BOUNDARIES, BUT, CITING EUROPEAN EXAMPLE (HELSINKI AGREEMENT) AND 1964 OAU AGREEMENT ENSHRINED IN OAU CHARTER, COMES DOWN VERY HARD ON NECESSITY OF UPHOLDING PRINCIPLE OF INVIOABILITY OF EXISTING BORDERS. HE, AS WELL AS NETO, HOLDS OUT VAGUE POSSIBILITY OF PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF BOUNDARY DISPUTES. NETO INDICATES THAT "REVOLUTIONARY SPIRIT" OF THESE TWO COUNTRIES PROVIDES A POSSIBILITY OF FINDING A WAY FOR PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF THIS PROBLEM. BREZHNEV DOES NOT GO THAT FAR BUT RATHER LEANS A BIT ON THE SOMALIS BY SAYING THAT OBSERVANCE OF

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THE OAU CHARTER WOULD BE A GOOD ANSWER TO THE "INTRIGUES OF FOREIGN FORCES WHICH HAVE TRIED TO SET AFRICANS AGAINST ONE ANOTHER IN THEIR OWN IMPERIALISTIC INTERESTS." AN IMPLICIT CRITICISM OF THE SOMALIS CAN BE READ INTO THIS. BREZHNEV ALSO, IN HIS RATHER STRAINED LISTING OF "MILITARY STRONG POINTS" CREATED IN AFRICA BY IMPERIALIST STATES, NOTES ATTEMPT TO KNOCK TOGETHER A MILITARY-POLITICAL BLOC IN RED SEA REGION -- A REFERENCE TO SAUDI, ET AL, INTEREST IN WEANING SOMALIA AWAY FROM SOVIET UNION. BREZHNEV'S LIST ALSO INCLUDES SUCH EXAMPLES OF "MILITARY STRONG POINTS" AS "ROCKET RANGE IN ZAIRE" AND DEVELOPMENT - WITH HELP OF NATO MEMBERS AND ISRAEL -- OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN S. AFRICA.

3. COMMENT: THE ABSENCE OF ANY SORT OF COMMENT BY THE TWO LEADERS ON THE EMERGING SITUATION WITH REGARD TO NAMIBIAN AND RHODESIAN INDEPENDENCE IS STRIKING. IT IS DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE THAT THIS AREA OF CONCERN, AND PARTICULARLY THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN FOR RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT, WAS NOT PAID GREAT ATTENTION DURING THE TALKS AND INDEED MAY EVEN HAVE BEEN THE REASON FOR THE TALKS; YET NOT A PUBLIC WORD IS SAID ON THESE CRITICAL ISSUES. UK COUNSELOR TOLD POLCOUNSELOR THAT HE THOUGHT NETO HAD COME STRAIGHT FROM MEETING IN AFRICA OF FRONT-LINE PRESI-

DENTS. ASSUMING THAT THE COMMUNIQUE ON THE VISIT ALSO SAYS NOTHING ON THIS SUBJECT, THE ABSENCE OF BREZHNEV'S COMMENT DURING

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THE NETO VISIT PLUS THE RELATIVE RESTRAINT SHOWN BY GROMYKO IN HIS UNGA SPEECH (REFTEL) PROVIDES SOME HOPE THAT MOSCOW WILL PROCEED CAUTIOUSLY ON THIS DELICATE ISSUE.

4. EMBOFF SHARED THESE THOUGHTS WITH ZAIRIAN CHARGE MAYO BAYENGO NGOANGOR WHO AGREED WITH BASIC ANALYSIS BUT ADDED HIS OWN OPINION THAT SOVIETS WANTED A THOROUGH EXCHANGE WITH NETO ON THE INTERNAL SITUATION IN ANGOLA AFTER THE RECENT COUP ATTEMPT. FACT THAT NETO ARRIVED IN SECRECY, HE SAID, INDICATED SHAKINESS OF NETO'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SOVIETS. MAYO EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER PROBABLE INCREASE IN SOVIET DEFENSE COOPERATION WITH ANGOLA, BUT HAD NO INSIGHT INTO POSSIBLE RECIPROCAL ASPECT OF DEFENSE RELATIONSHIP UNDER TERMS OF FRIENDSHIP TREATY.
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